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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 039015

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, YO

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF MAP-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT

REF: BELGRADE 206

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED TEXT OF DRAFT NOTE AS PROPOSED BY GOY DURING KARDELJ VISIT IN LIGHT OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTEL. WE BELIEVE THAT, WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS DISCUSSED BELOW, GOY NOTE PROVIDES ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON SUBJECT.

2. FIRST, WE WOULD REVISE THIRD SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPH FROM END (THAT BEGINNING QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED . . . UNQUOTE) TO READ ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
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QUOTE IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SFRY THAT, UPON COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DISPOSITION, THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE OF AUGUST 25, 1959, WILL BE FULLY CONSUMMATED AND CONSEQUENTLY, ALL THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS DERIVING THEREFROM EXTINGUISHED UNQUOTE. THIS IS INTENDED TO MAKE IT CLEAR AS TO PRECISELY WHEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1959 AGREEMENT RELATING TO MAP-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. IN ADDITION, THIS FORMULATION LEAVES

CLEARLY INTACT THE AMENDMENT TO THE 1954 OFFSHORE PROCURE-

MENT AGREEMENT MADE BY PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE 1959 AGREEMENT.
IT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW THAT TO FAIL TO NARROW ANY NOTES
CONCERNING 1959 AGREEMENT IN THIS MANNER WOULD CAST DOUBT
UPON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE 1954 AGREEMENT (WHICH WE
DESIRE TO KEEP IN FORCE IN ITS ENTIRETY), AN UNDESIRABLE
RESULT WHICH THE ABOVE FORMULATION WOULD AVOID.

3. SECOND, WE WOULD REVISE THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH
(THAT BEGINNING QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SFRY IS PRE-
PARED . . . UNQUOTE) TO READ ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:
QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SFRY IS PREPARED, PENDING
THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FINAL DISPOSITION, TO COMPLY WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT OF
AUGUST 25, 1959 WITH RESPECT TO SUCH OF THE RECEIVED
MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL AS REMAINS IN THE INVEN-
TORY OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE'S ARMY UNQUOTE. THIS COMMIT-
MENT BY THE SFRY SERVES BOTH THE PURPOSE OF LIMITING MEANIN
OF WORD QUOTE DISPOSITION UNQUOTE IN THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE
OF NOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF STATE 5481 AND THE
PURPOSE OF NEGATING ANY CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXCHANGE (AS
SUGGESTED PARA 3 OF STATE 5481) THAT IT CONSTITUTES FORMAL
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USG CONSENT TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINING MAP-ORIGIN DEFENSE
ARTICLES WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO USG PURSUANT TO
PARA 2(D) OF AUGUST 25, 1959 AGREEMENT.

4. ONCE TEXT OF GOY NOTE IS AGREED UPON, GOY COULD
INITIATE EXCHANGE, WITH REPLY BY EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGING
RECEIPT OF GOY NOTE AND EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING SET FORTH THEREIN. VANCE

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